



FEDERAL ELECTION COMMISSION

WASHINGTON, D.C. 20463

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Ms. Lyn Utrecht, Esq.  
Mr. Eric Kleinfeld, Esq.  
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RE: MUR 4915

Dear Ms. Utrecht:

In the normal course of carrying out its supervisory responsibilities, the Federal Election Commission considered the issue of whether Vice President Al Gore, Gore 2000, Inc., and Jose Villarreal, treasurer violated 2 U.S.C. § 441b. On February 26, 2001, the Commission found no reason to believe that aforementioned respondents violated 2 U.S.C. § 441b. Accordingly, the Commission has closed the file in this matter.

The confidentiality provisions at 2 U.S.C. § 437g(a)(12) no longer apply and this matter is now public. In addition, although the complete file must be placed on the public record within 30 days, this could occur at any time following certification of the Commission's vote. If you wish to submit any factual or legal materials to appear on the public record, please do so as soon as possible. While the file may be placed on the public record before receiving your additional materials, any permissible submissions will be added to the public record upon receipt.

If you have any questions, please contact Dawn R. Jackson, the attorney assigned to this matter, at (202) 694-1650.

Sincerely,

Lois G. Lerner  
Acting General Counsel

A handwritten signature in dark ink, appearing to read "Gregory R. Baker".

By: Gregory R. Baker  
Acting Associate General Counsel

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